GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme
Chudasama Shri Rajeshbhai Naranbhai

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present status of implementation of National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme by several States was far from satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of implementation of the said programme recently;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for speedy implementation of the Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) : No Madam.
(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : The progress of the programme is reviewed regularly by the Ministry with the States through Regional Meetings as well as video conferencing. Last regional meeting held at Srinagar on 12/10/2015 and video conferencing with States were held on 12/08/2015, 28/09/2015, 01/10/2015 and 06/10/2015.

(e) : Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme is on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) which was launched by the Government in July, 2015. Now the process of submission of applications, screening of applications, release of scholarship in the bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode is completely online. National Scholarship Portal on one hand ensures speedy implementation and on the other transparency and accountability.

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